

REMARKS

A. BACKGROUND

The present Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 17, 2009. Claims 1-23 were previously cancelled, claims 24-46 were pending, and claims 41-46 were previously withdrawn, and claims 25-46 are amended.

B. RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has requested an election of a single disclosed species, including an election of a single sub-species to be examined along with the elected species. The Examiner has identified the species as follows:

Species A as containing Figures 1-7B;

Species B as containing Figure 8; and

Species C as containing Figure 9.

The Applicants hereby confirms the previous election without traverse of Species A, containing Figures 1-7B and claims 24-40. Claims 41-46 are hereby withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to the further prosecution of these claims at a later date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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